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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission The Portals 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, DC JAN 11 2002

TEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMUNICAN
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: CC Docket No. <u>00-257</u>: In the Matter of 2000 Biennial Review - Review of Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Changes of Consumers Long Distance Carriers. <u>Notification of CenturyTel Solutions, LLC</u> Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120

Dear Ms. Salas:

CenturyTel Solutions, LLC ("CenturyTel"), pursuant to Section 64.1120 of the Commission's Rules, hereby notifies the Commission that it has entered into an agreement to acquire part of the subscriber base of KMC Telecom, Inc. and KMC Telecom III, Inc. (together, "KMC").

An original and four (4) copies of this letter are enclosed. Please date stamp the enclosed extra copy of this letter and return it in the envelope provided.

By way of background, CenturyTel and KMC have entered into an asset purchase agreement whereby certain assets of KMC in the State of Louisiana will be transferred to CenturyTel. The assets generally consist of KMC telecommunications plant located in the cities of Monroe, Shreveport, and Bossier City, property interests, current accounts and customer contracts, and books and records. Along with those assets, CenturyTel will obtain and assume certain rights and obligations of the approvals, authorizations, and permits issued to KMC by local governmental authorities. When the assets are transferred, CenturyTel will provide service to the former KMC subscribers in the Monroe, Shreveport, and Bossier City areas.

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Pursuant to Section 64.1120 of the Commission's Rules, CenturyTel provides the following additional information:

<u>Names of the Parties to the Transaction</u>: The parties to the transaction include: CenturyTel Solutions, LLC ("CenturyTel"), KMC Telecom, Inc., and KMC Telecom III, Inc. (together, "KMC").

<u>Types of Telecommunications Services Provided to Affected Customers</u>: CenturyTel, and/or corporate affiliates of CenturyTel, will provide local exchange, long distance, international, and data services to the affected customers.

<u>Date of the Transfer</u>: The parties anticipate that the affected KMC subscribers will be transferred to CenturyTel on February 28, 2002.

<u>Certification of Compliance</u>: Attached hereto as Attachment A is CenturyTel's certification required under Section 64.1120(e)(1) of the Commission's rules.

<u>Copy of Notice Sent to Affected Subscribers</u>: Attached hereto as Attachment B is a copy of the customer notice that was sent to affected KMC subscribers. The customer notice will be mailed on January 28, 2002, and accordingly, CenturyTel does not anticipate the transfer of any KMC customers before February 28, 2002.

If there are any questions regarding this notification, please contact us.

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## ATTACHMENT A

Certification of CenturyTel Solutions, LLC

# CERTIFICATION OF CENTURYTEL SOLUTIONS, LLC

On behalf of CenturyTel Solutions, LLC ("CenturyTel"), and in accordance with Section 64.1120 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §64.1120, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that:

- 1. I have read the foregoing document and the statements contained therein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- 2. CenturyTel will comply with the FCC requirements and procedures governing the transfer of customers presubscribed to KMC Telecom, Inc. and KMC Telecom III, Inc. to CenturyTel, including the provision of advance written notice to all affected KMC Telecom, Inc. and KMC Telecom III, Inc. subscribers.

CENTURYTEL SOLUTIONS, LLC

Ву:	Sh
Name:	STACEY W. GOFF
Title: _	VICE PRESIDENT
Date: _	1/11/2002

### ATTACHMENT B

**Notice Sent to Affected Subscribers** 

# AN IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE FROM KMC TELECOM AND CENTURYTEL

#### Dear Valued Customer:

KMC Telecom is pleased to inform you that its telephone systems providing local, long distance, international and data services to customers in the areas of Monroe and Shreveport/Bossier City, Louisiana are being acquired by CenturyTel Solutions, LLC, an affiliate of CenturyTel, Inc. The anticipated date for the transfer of your service to CenturyTel is February 28, 2002 or as soon thereafter as the necessary governmental approvals can be obtained. Upon completion of the transfer, CenturyTel will provide service to you and KMC Telecom will no longer be your local or long distance telephone service provider. <sup>1</sup>

As a customer of CenturyTel, one of the largest and fastest growing independent phone companies, you will continue to receive all of the features, terms and conditions of service and current rates that you enjoy today. Notice of any future changes in rates, terms and conditions of service will be provided to you in writing or as otherwise provided by law. CenturyTel has over sixty years of experience delivering voice and data communication and currently provides these services in 21 states today. Using state of the art-equipment and knowledgeable employees, CenturyTel Solutions provides business in Monroe and Shreveport/Bossier City with customized communications solutions, substantial savings and personalized customer service. With CenturyTel, your business will have a local, dedicated, single point of contact ready to answer your questions or provide additional services.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554 referencing the §63.71 Application of KMC Telecom, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of the proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

It has been the pleasure of KMC Telecom to provide you with quality local, long distance, international and data communications services and we emphasize that you will be treated as a valued customer of CenturyTel. As always, you may choose another carrier for your telephone service at any time, subject to any termination restrictions in your contract. Unless you choose another carrier within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, as is your right, you will automatically become a CenturyTel customer upon completion of this transaction.

You do not need to take any action to be transferred to CenturyTel. CenturyTel will pay any change charges associated with the transfer of your account to it. If you have placed a "freeze" on KMC Telecom's local or long distance services to prevent their unauthorized transfer to another carrier, it will be lifted when your KMC Telecom services are transferred to CenturyTel. At your request, CenturyTel can re-establish freeze protection for you after the transfer.

CenturyTel will work to resolve any complaints you may have against KMC Telecom that have not been resolved by the time your account is transferred.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or any of KMC Telecom's services, please contact Myles Falvella, KMC Vice President of Marketing Strategy and Communications, at 877-470-2100, ext. 2149, or by mail at 1545 Route 206, Suite 300, Bedminster, NJ 07921. Questions regarding CenturyTel may be directed to CenturyTel's Representatives at 318-340-5800 for customers in the Monroe area or at 318-629-9300 for customers in the Shreveport/Bossier City area, or by mail at 100 CenturyTel Drive, Monroe, LA 71203.

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